

What Can Individuals Do to Help.

TGWS believes that the most important things that individuals can do to combat Global warming are:-

1. To accept that it will be necessary to have our lifestyles restricted by government legislation.

We cannot go on being allowed to destroy the environment.

2. To support politicians who are prepared to impose such restrictions (and to oppose those who are not so prepared).

It is hard for politicians who are all in the popularity game to do such things.

3. To persuade their friends and contacts of these realities.
4. To attempt to persuade politicians to join the movement to bring about real changes in the situation.

Those things having been said and being the whole objective of our campaign, there are practical steps that can be taken at an individual level. We do not intend to re-invent the wheel in this area since web-sites already exist which provide a wealth of information and advice as to what can be done.

We would recommend the following:-

www.greenchoices.org.uk

www.planetandpeople.net

www.cred-uk.org

However when considering actions be aware of the following data.

The Average UK household use of energy is roughly:-

- 17% of our CO₂ is produced by heating our homes.
- 7% is produced by other household (mainly electrical) appliances.
- 17% is produced by our car travel. But obviously heavily dependant on mileage and car consumption.
- 8% is produced by other travelling, mainly air travel. Obviously again very dependant on mileage.
- 50% is produced in the production and provision of the goods and services we buy or use (since nothing is produced or made available unless there is some demand for it).

The actual amount of CO₂ reduction needs to be considered when evaluating the effect of measures.

Some Examples:-

1. The widely (and sensibly) promoted encouragement to switch electronic items off rather than leaving them on standby is likely to produce CO₂ reductions of the order of 100 kgs CO₂
2. Turning down your heating by 1^oC is likely to produce savings of